

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE March 1950 15/1750Z	2. LOCATION Guatemala	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1100 Hrs.	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE CIV	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION unk	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3-4	9. COURSE S-11
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color--Silver Shape--Oval, slightly elliptical Size--appeared larger than DC-4-C54 Level Flt., alt. 25,000 ft. No exh. no sound Obj's appeared to be highly polished. Speed- over 1000 MPH poss. 1400-1500 MPH.		11. COMMENTS 11/11/50

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Capt Fournet/ro/55894
Wrm 9 Apr 52

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(Unclassified) Inquiry from Associated Press

Office of Public Information, OSD
ATTN: Press Branch

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Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence, DCI/O

AFOIN-V/TC/Capt Fournet/ro/55894

Draft of reply to Mr. [REDACTED] outlined in the first indorsement, attached as inclosure No. 2, is acceptable as written; however, it is recommended that the following sentence be added at the end of paragraph 2:

"The nature of this sighting is very similar to many other reports which have been received over the past five years."

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1. AF 417199.
2. (Added) Draft of reply to Mr. [REDACTED]

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W. W. OTTINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive, Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence

COMESACK TO AFOIN-V/TC

No M/R required

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Press Branch, Office of Public Information, OSD, Room 2E-761
26 March 1952

TO: Technical Capabilities Branch, Directorate of Intelligence,
Pentagon Annex #3

1. Request your comment on the acceptability of the following
release to Mr. [REDACTED] of the Associated Press:

[REDACTED] Captain, USAFR, [REDACTED] presently on
inactive duty, did not see the "flying saucers" himself. He
did turn in a report on an alleged sighting of 3 or 4 shiny
objects by 3 TACA crewmen. The sighting supposedly took place
over Guatemala City Airport on March 15, 1950.

"The objects, according to [REDACTED] best recollection of
the information given to him by the 3 TACA crewmen, were
flying at high altitude, and at very high speeds. They were
reported to make no noise and left no vapor trail."

EDWIN G. JANE, JR.
Major, USAF
AF Press Desk

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Director of Intelligence
DCS/O, Room 4A-932

21 February 1952

Press Branch, Office of Public Information
OSD, Room 2E-761

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Maj. Jane/ohw/75131

1. The following request for information was received from Mr. Elton Fay, Associated Press;

"Could we run a check on this report?

"A reserve officer-pilot, [REDACTED], who recalled AD from job flying for an airline, was flying, after recall, over Central America area. While in the area of Guatemala he saw object which he believed a flying saucer. Subsequently he saw several others.

"He was released to inactive duty, then a few weeks later called back for two weeks AD at Mobile. While there officers at that base decided to hold seminar on subject of flying saucers. [REDACTED] who had mentioned the objects he had seen to other officers, was put on the program.

"Shortly before the seminar, an A-2 major came to see him. He was questioned for about two hours. Tape recording was made. When he mentioned names, A-2 made immediate phone calls to confirm. At the end of the interrogation, A-2 was described as telling [REDACTED] 'Listen, there is no such thing as a flying saucer. You have never seen a flying saucer. You won't discuss them.'

"From other sources we learn this interrogation occurred at Mobile on 30 March 1950.

"Before using any story, we would like to get whatever information or guidance the Air Force can supply."

2. Inquiry has revealed that the above is substantially correct, but that the first name of Hall is inaccurately reported, and that AF has no information to confirm statements in paragraph 3 of Mr. Fay's query.

3. It is requested that the correct name and rank of [REDACTED], date of sighting, and [REDACTED] reported sighting be made available to this office.

4. No release of this information will be made public until it has been properly coordinated, and cleared by persons who have authority to declassify such material.

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DE WITT R. SEARLES
Lt. Col., USAF
Chief, AF Press Desk

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(Unclassified) Inquiry from Associated Press

**Press Branch, Office of Public Information
OSD, Room 2E-761**

12 March 1952

**Documents and Dissemination Branch, Collection
Division, Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O**

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Lt Col Adams/rf1/53093
AFOIN-C/DD**

1. Attached is a report which is an interrogation of a Captain [REDACTED] which appears to be the report referred to in Comment #1.
2. After your review, it is requested that the report be returned to the Directorate of Intelligence, Attention: AFOIN-C/DD.

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AF 417199**

**WILLIAM A ADAMS
Lt. Colonel, USAF
ACTG Chief, Documents & Dissemination Br.
Collection Division
Directorate of Intelligence**

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3th District Office of Special Investigations
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

11 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object, Guatemala City
Airport, Guatemala, 15 March 1950.

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. **SYNOPSIS:** [REDACTED], Captain USAFR and pilot for commercial airline, states that three American Crew members TACA, commercial airline, claim they saw "flying saucers" 15 March 1950 passing directly over runway Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala.

2. **DETAILS:** Captain [REDACTED], USAFR, while on a two week active duty tour at Brookley AFB, Alabama, disclosed the following information:

a. On 16 March 1950 HALL was the pilot on a TACA aircraft in flight from San Salvador to Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala. On arriving at the Guatemala City Airport [REDACTED] was informed by [REDACTED] TACA pilot, [REDACTED] TACA co-pilot, and [REDACTED] TACA engineer, all of New Orleans, Louisiana, that they had sighted "flying saucers" over Guatemala City, Guatemala.

b. To the best of [REDACTED] recollection the information furnished by [REDACTED] is as follows:

- (1) Date of sighting - 15 March 1950.
- (2) Time of sighting - approximately 1100 hours.
- (3) Observer's position - standing in front of Air Terminal, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- (4) Number of objects - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] state that they saw three [REDACTED] states he sighted four. All agreed that objects were in a single formation.

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- (5) No known celestial phenomena or planets unaccounted for.
- (6) Distance of object from observers - estimated altitude 25,000 feet. Flying in horizontal level flight.
- (7) Time objects in view - unknown.
- (8) Appearance of objects:
(a) Color - silver
(b) Shape - oval, slightly elliptical
(c) Size - appeared larger than a DC-4 (C-54)
- (9) Direction of flight - directly from south to north, passing directly over runway Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala which runs south to north.
- (10) Tactics or maneuvers - when first object came into sight, it flew north a distance that was judged to be approximately 30 miles - about over the town of Ravinal - where it turned left 130° and headed directly south. A few moments later two more objects appeared moving one directly behind the other, heading north. A third object passed over after the first two disappeared. It was surmised by the TACA personnel that the first object went back to pick up the second. According to [REDACTED] a fourth object appeared a few moments later. All objects were traveling north. [REDACTED] estimated the turning radius was 15 to 20 miles.
- (11) Evidence of exhaust - none.
- (12) Lights - from reflection of sun on objects, it was assumed that the objects were highly polished. No artificial lights were observed.
- (13) Effect on clouds - no mention of clouds.
- (14) Construction - objects appeared to be solid - one piece oval.
- (15) Propulsion - no noise of reciprocating engines or jet exhaust in evidence. No vapor trail observed.

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- (16) Control and Stability - objects appeared to be very stable.
- (17) Air ducts - none noted.
- (18) Speed [redacted] estimated the speed is over 1,000 mph, possible 1,400-1,500 mph. [redacted] also stated that the objects moved so fast it was very difficult to keep his eye on them.
- (19) Manner of disappearance - objects disappeared from view in the distance

c. [redacted] acknowledged the weather on 15 March 1950 at Guatemala City, Guatemala was CAVU.

d. [redacted] stated that [redacted] showed him a picture in the Guatemala City newspaper on the morning of 16 March 1950 which was represented to be a picture of "flying saucers." According to [redacted] the picture was approximately 4" x 8" and the object was about the size of a penny. HALL stated that he believes [redacted] still has the newspaper clipping.

e. [redacted] stated that he had known [redacted] for approximately four years and has always found them to be trustworthy and honest. [redacted] further revealed that he had at first kidded the three concerning the story whereupon they all became very angry and very emphatically stated that what they had said was the truth.

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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